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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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The Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger  
The Secretary of Defense  
Washington, D.C.. 20301

Dear Cap:

I have read with great interest the report of the Long Commission and am impressed with both its breadth of coverage and the insights which it contains, particularly with respect to the subjects of intelligence and terrorism.

I have tasked my Critical Intelligence Problems Committee with examining the specific topic of terrorism and have asked for recommendations as to how the Intelligence Community might improve its overall performance in that area.

Though the CIPC work in this vital area is continuing, I have approved for immediate implementation one proposal which appears to have great merit. This proposal involves the establishment of a communications linkage among key terrorism intelligence analytic facilities within the Community. The recently named NIO for Counterterrorism, David Whipple, is charged with coordinating the management of the operation of this new capability, which we are calling the DCI Terrorism Analyst Network. A concept of operation and a paper describing some of the technical considerations associated with the establishment of this network are enclosed for your information.

I am grateful for the support provided by DIA, NSA, and the services in developing this concept.

Yours,



William J. Casey

Enclosures: As stated

cc: NFIB Members and Observers  
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